

DOTHILL NEWS



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This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



Here are the last February superstars! They are ready to learn, great members of the class teams, great role models, reading at home and showing great tenacity (super word Mr Jones!). They have been kind and respectful friends and have made their teachers proud. We are very proud of you, well done.



What have we been up to...?

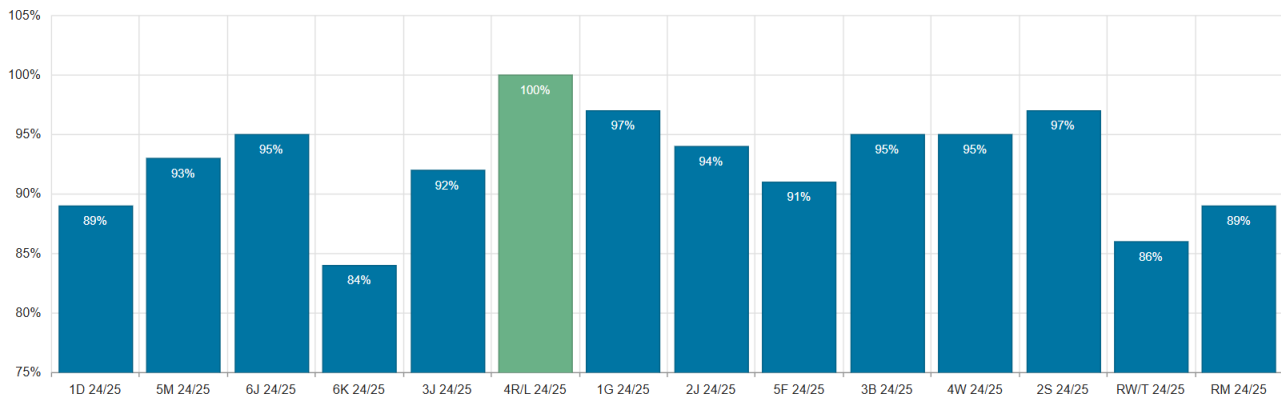
This week we had a busy first week back after half term. Please remember to look at the class pages where teachers update pictures of the fabulous learning – we also regularly post on the school Facebook page. Also in the class pages, you can find out more about what your child is learning.

Dothill Cup: On my walks around school, I have found this class to be nothing but hard working and proud to be part of their class. Twice on Friday, I thought that no-one was in the classroom because they were so engaged in their independent working! Therefore, I simply had to choose them! *Mrs Thomas*

Miss Brotherton said, *I would like to nominate Class 3B as this week's Dazzling Dotties because of their fantastic behaviour which has set an excellent example to our younger children on many occasions this week. They have been very calm and settled and have tried hard in all aspects of their learning, so I am very proud of them. I hope that you are, too.*

Attendance

A huge well done to 4RL with an amazing 100% attendance this week! You have all been in school living the Dothill values and making progress in your learning. It would be marvelous to have more classes achieving 100% attendance.



Punctuality is the first step towards success!

Being punctual and on time is one of life's most important qualities, whether you're a child, adult, teacher or parent. It shows you are reliable, dependable, can be trusted and demonstrates respect to other people and for their time.

We have seen an increase of children being late for school. Last half term saw 23% of children being late for school at least once. We understand that sometimes things happen and you may be late but when this becomes a regular pattern, then we need to look at ways to support and make that change that gets children to school on time.

Helpful tips and guidance to improve punctuality

*Be aware that on rainy days, there will be more traffic on the roads delaying journey times. Consider leaving the house 10-15 minutes earlier on these days.

*If children are oversleeping or getting up late, try putting them to bed an hour earlier each night for a week. Reduce screen time before bedtime by up to an hour.

*In terms of the recommended hours of sleep for young children, 3-5 year olds should be getting 10-13 hours each night and 6-12 year olds should be getting 9-12 hours each night (as recommended by Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital)

*Uniforms, lunches, homework and bags could be organised the previous evening to save time in the morning.

*Establish morning routines to help children know what to do and in which order. This enables them to become more independent too. Visual prompts can help.

*Provide a motivation for leaving the house early in the mornings, e.g. scoot or cycle, walking with friends and family, etc.

Remember, being in school, on time, each day, is the best way to ensure your child makes good progress.

Dates for your diary

3-4.3.25	Parent Consultations
5.3.25	Year 4 Trip – Legoland Discovery
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6.3.25	World Book Day
27.3.25	Telford Sing (Choir Event)
2.4.24	Year 4 Easter Workshop (All Saints)
11.4.25	Break up for Easter
28.4.25	Summer Term begins

Ready
Respectful
Safe

BE YOUR BEST

Reminders

We are seeing an increase in lost property with the mound of school uniform growing bigger each day. At the end of each day all uniform is checked and if labelled it is returned to your child. No name means it is taken to the library and put with the rest of the lost items.

Please name you child's clothes, so that we can return it to them when they have left it on the playground, in cloak room or wherever else they leave it round and about school.



Mental Health

How does spring help mental health?

With longer days and warmer temperatures, spring offers the perfect opportunity to get outside and soak up some Vitamin D. Spending time in nature has proven to boost mood and reduce stress. Take a walk in the park, go for a hike, or simply sit in your backyard and enjoy the beauty of the season.

Things to see and do in the local area

Small enough to explore within a few hours, yet large enough to be a peaceful retreat from everyday life. Dothill and Shawbirch local nature reserve includes wetlands and pools, historic canal sections, woodlands, grasslands and streams. It's a place where bird and amphibian life thrives and is also easily accessible to all.



There are various walks around the reserve, including the 50 Tree Trail and the shorter, circular route the Three Bridge Way while the henge provides a focal point and central place to meet, where the friends group hold various events throughout the year.

What a wonderful place to take a walk or ride a bike whilst enjoying the beautiful surroundings and sunshine.

